

MEETING OF
THE DELAWARE AGRICULTURAL LANDS PRESERVATION FOUNDATION

A meeting of the Delaware Agricultural Lands Preservation Foundation was held at the Delaware Department of Agriculture, 2320 S. DuPont Hwy. Dover, Delaware, September 14, 2011, with the following members in attendance:

Robert F. Garey, Chairman
William Vanderwende, Vice Chairman
William “Chip” Narvel, Jr., Secretary
Robert L. Emerson

Mark Davis, representing Ed Kee, Secretary of Agriculture
Tim Taraila, representing Steven Ditmer, Forestry Council
Kevin Coyle representing Collin O’Mara, Secretary of DNREC
Lisa Embert, representing Chip Flowers, Jr., State Treasurer

Absent: L. Allen Messick, Jr., and Theodore P. Bobola, Jr.

The following staff members were in attendance: Austin Short, Howard Mesick, Milton Melendez, Scott Blaier, Cathy Mesick, Kathi Spangler, and Robin West.

Others in attendance: F. Michael Parkowski, Esq., Ms. Erin Moore, Ms. Ginger Ketterer, Ms. Kim Vincent, John Tracy, Esq., and Mr. and Mrs. Vane Masten.

Chairman Garey opened the meeting at 8:33 a.m.

I. Current Situation Report:

Robin West informed the Board that we have a total of 1,092 farms in preservation districts totaling 155,693 acres, with a total of 639 farms under agricultural easements totaling 100,115 acres at a cost of \$178,222,158. For PDR 16, there are a total of 132 farms, comprising 11,623 acres, with a value of \$141,589,000. For the Forestland Preservation Program there are 40 Forestland Preservation Areas comprising 2,878 acres. For the Forestland Preservation Area Easements, there are a total of 9 properties, comprising 872 acres, with a value of \$1,450,804.

II. Monitoring Report:

Milton Melendez informed the Board that all Federal properties are done, and 772 non-federal parcels have been visited. A total of 992 out of 1,498 parcels (both Federal and non-federal) have been visited this year.

III. Expansion Eligibility & Final Approval:

1. F & M Bennetts Farms Expansion of the Clifton #1 District, ID#S-10-12-107B. After discussion, **William Vanderwende moved to accept for eligibility/final approval the F & M Bennetts Expansion of the Clifton #1 District, seconded by Chip Narvel, Jr. Motion unanimously approved.**

2. Wells-Siobain Expansion of the William G. Passwaters District, ID#S-11-08-170D. After discussion, **Kevin Coyle moved to accept, contingent upon sale, the eligibility/final approval of the Wells-Siobain Expansion of the William Passwaters District, seconded by Lisa Embert. Motion unanimously approved.**

IV. Secretary of Agriculture’s Veto – Mark Davis, Deputy Principal Assistant to the Secretary of Agriculture Ed Kee, waived the right of veto for the above Expansions.

V. Public Comments – There were no public comments.

VI. Minutes:

Chairman Garey asked if there were any comments or changes to the August 17, 2011, minutes. No changes were necessary. The Chairman asked for a motion to approve the minutes. **William Vanderwende moved to approve the August minutes, seconded by Chip Narvel, Jr. Motion unanimously approved.**

VII. Financial Highlights:

Howard Mesick presented the Financial Statement for the month of August 2011, informing the Foundation Board that we had, as of August 31, 2011, \$296,481.74 in the Foundation's interest bearing State of Delaware account. We received \$210.00 license plate income, and \$116.60 interest income. Expenditures for the month of August totaled \$22,497.66. After discussion, **Chip Narvel, Jr. moved to accept the August financial statement as presented, seconded by Robert Emerson. Motion unanimously approved.**

VIII. James P. Truitt, Jr. Expansion of the Moore District, ID#S-01-02-052E – Cell Tower Lease

F. Michael Parkowski presented the request for a Cell Tower to be placed on the Truitt property. John Tracy, Esq. representing Cellco Limited partnership – Verizon Wireless, answered questions from the Board. After discussion, **Chip Narvel, Jr. moved to allow the request for the cell tower, seconded by Kevin Coyle. Motion unanimously approved**

IX. Executive Session – Michael Parkowski indicated there was a need for an executive session. **William Vanderwende moved to go into Executive Session, seconded by Kevin Coyle. Motion unanimously approved.** The Foundation Board went into Executive Session at 8:55 a.m. At 9:16 a.m. the Board came out of Executive Session. **William Vanderwende moved to go out of Executive Session, seconded by Chip Narvel, Jr. Motion unanimously approved.**

X. Purchase of Development Rights 16 Selections

After discussion, **Chip Narvel, Jr. moved to approve the Selection List for PDR 16 as presented, seconded by Kevin Coyle. Motion unanimously approved.**

XI. Other Business:

Austin Short thanked the staff for working so hard on the Purchase of Development Rights Round 16, and informed the Board that the first payment had been made to the Wilson Farm account.

XII. Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the Foundation the meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m. The next meeting of the Foundation will be held on October 19, 2011 at the Delaware Department of Agriculture, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert F. Garey
Chairman